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STADIUM BUILD PLAN 'WOULD BE A TRAVESTY'

CONTROVERSIAL plans to build a new football stadium in Eastrop are to be reconsidered after Basingstoke's council was told that it is not bound to a previous ruling to protect the site.

Basingstoke Town FC's hopes of creating a new 5,124 capacity stadium on land at the Old Common were hit with six-month delays earlier this year as the council looked to consider alternative locations for the ground.

This verdict was reached following a campaign against the plans from residents, who highlighted a decision made by the council in 1979 that stated that any land left following the construction of the Hilton Hotel in Old Common Road should not be developed.

At a meeting last night however, Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council's cabinet was informed that the site was not in fact protected from development, leading an Eastrop councillor to label any subsequent build as "a travesty".

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Cllr Gavin James said: "We shall carry on fighting for the Old Common as long as we need to and won't give up easily.

"The open space is like a garden to some residents and holds an emotional attachment to people.

"My kids learned to ride their bikes there and it would be a travesty if it were to be built on".

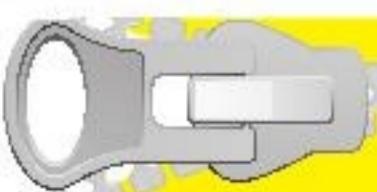
Norden councillor Paul Harvey also warned that if the £10million development were to go ahead in Old Common Road, it could drastically affect the area's music festival Basingstoke Live.

"Without the parking spaces made available by the site, Basingstoke's ability to host big events would be drastically affected," he said.

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• An artist's impression of how the new Basingstoke Town stadium could look and (right) Eastrop councillor Gavin James



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Town business plan criticised by council

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A NUMBER of councillors have raised concerns over the creation of a Business Improvement District (BID) in Basingstoke's town centre.

Business owners from the Top of Town met with members of Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council last Thursday to discuss the proposal - which would see traders work together to improve the area.



• Eastrop councillor Stuart Parker (left) and Basing ward councillor Onnalee Cubitt (right) raised concerns over the proposal

A ballot will take place among businesses in November, with BID coordinators hoping to regenerate the area's image through the independent organisation and development of various events.

Any projects would be funded by a levy charge paid by traders, although Basing ward councillor Onnalee Cubitt disputed the claim that the council would have no part to play.

Cllr Cubitt said: "I hear that we won't be involved in this, but everywhere throughout this report, it shows us to be involved somehow."

"There is an umbilical cord there and once it's up and running we might not be involved."

"But it seems that we'll be very much involved in the incubation of and birthing of this baby".

Norden coun-

cillor Paul Harvey said: "There will be businesses that don't want this, but will have to pay the levy anyway because others have voted it in."

"We're setting up a level of penalty on a community that may not agree with this direction of travel and that concerns me".

Eastrop councillor Gavin James added: "I am sceptical of this proposal, which is progress on angry, which I was earlier".

The BID proposal was previously introduced and discussed at length during a summit meeting at Carnival Hall on Tuesday, July 7, at which around 25 town centre business owners attended.

Cllr Stuart Parker also attended the meeting and was quick to question whether this low number was an indication of the popularity of the scheme among local businesses.

"There were very few business people in attendance - in fact most of the people present were council staff or visiting councillors," Cllr Parker said.



"While a stellar attempt has been made by the project's steering group, there is no clear indication that they are prepared to give the BID their support".

Steering group chairman Laurence Martin said: "There is a lot of interest and support for this among the community."

"Council involvement will be crucial to the BID's success, but this is a business-led proposal".

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Equalities appeal

BASINGSTOKE: Basingstoke MP Maria Miller will look at the challenges faced by transgender people in the first piece of work conducted by a new parliament committee.

Mrs Miller was named the chair of the Women and Equalities Committee last month, which is tasked with examining the Equalities Office and keeping the government in check in relation to issues including gender, age, race, and sexual orientation.

The committee will now examine what can be done to provide full equality to transgender people in society.

Mrs Miller said: "Many trans people still face discrimination and unfair treatment in their work, schools, healthcare and other important services".

She continued: "Transphobia and hate crimes are a cruel reminder that we still have a great deal to do to achieve true equality for everyone".

Burnham visit

BASINGSTOKE: Labour leadership candidate Andy Burnham will be holding a public meeting in Basingstoke on Friday.

Mr Burnham will meet and answer questions from the public at Oakridge Hall for All in Forsythia Walk from 3pm.

The Leigh MP is one of four members looking to succeed former party leader Ed Miliband, with Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council's Jack Cousens backing him for the role.

The Brookvale and Kings Furong councillor said: "I believe Andy Burnham has the competence, vision, strength and experience to be a great leader of the Labour Party to lead opposition to David Cameron's government".

"I am very pleased he will be coming to Basingstoke, and its great members and supporters will have the opportunity to meet, hear and ask Andy questions during his time with us".

New stadium plans to be reconsidered

• From front page

Cllr Harvey added: "The council is already chipping away at our special music festival and this will only make that worse.

"There's no need to destroy something that is so valued by every member of that community".

Around 500 members of the public signed a petition from local charity Basingstoke Heritage Society against the proposed build earlier this year.

Member Debbie Reavell said: "It's a real shame that this pro-

posal has all come up again, and I've found the whole process quite puzzling to be honest.

"Something doesn't quite add up, but I'm not bothered who's done what or why, I just want it

to be stopped".

A cross-party meeting of the council's cabinet and group leaders will meet at the start of September to discuss viable locations for the new stadium.

Portfolio holder for finance and resources Cllr John Izett said: "At the moment, we're considering the options afresh and will evaluate the findings after hearing updates from officers".

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Cross-country charity cycle

A TADLEY cyclist is set to embark on a 230 mile tour through Europe in aid of a very personal cause.

Kevin Mosley is hoping that his mammoth road trip from London to Brussels will help raise valuable funds and publicity for the Alzheimer's Society.

The 55-year-old's dad Raymond was diagnosed with the illness around two and a half years ago, with the charity providing him and his family with valuable support as they looked to deal with the change.

Alzheimer's Society also helped Kevin deal with the death of his mum during this time – something he is desperate to pay back when he leaves on his self-funded mission on September 3.

"I felt it was time not only to give back some much needed funds to carry on the support of Alzheimer's patients and carers, but to try and raise awareness of the society," he said.

"Since my father was diagnosed with Alzheimer's, we have been on a journey that could not have happened without the help of the Alzheimer's Society.

"If the last few years have

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taught me anything it is that you never know what is around the corner."

Alzheimer's is a chronic neurodegenerative disease that drastically affects short-term and long-term memory and accounts for most cases of dementia.

Kevin's three-day challenge will see him travel through Calais and Bruges as he looks to raise £1,500, although that target may now be reset with his total currently standing at £1,350.

He said: "The help, support and advice they gave dad, mum and myself when dad was diagnosed and the help and understanding through the tough time when mum passed away was fantastic.

"The Alzheimer's Society are one of many organisations out there only too pleased to help.

"I am amazed by how many people I know that have been affected by dementia in some form or another".

To sponsor Kevin visit justgiving.com/kevin-mosley55.



• Tadley's Kevin Mosley will cycle from London to Brussels between September 3 and 6



• Devine Abanda, Olivia Godefroy and Pacombe Djedje were each sentenced at Winchester Crown Court on Monday

Trio sentenced for hoax marriage scam

THREE people have been jailed following a sham marriage in Hampshire aimed at illegally keeping a Cameroon native in the country.

Devine Abanda, formerly of Augustus Drive in Winklebury, was arrested last February as he attempted to unlawfully marry French national Olivia Godefroy, 22, at Winchester's Register Office.

Abanda, 27, was sentenced to 15 months in prison on Monday at Winchester Crown Court after being found guilty of conspiracy to breach UK immigration law.

Recorder Keith Cutler also handed Godefroy, of Grove Street, London, a 15-month suspended sentence for bigamy and 12 months for conspiracy to breach immigration law.

Ivory Coast national Pacombe Djedje, 21, of Eve-

lyn Street, London, was also handed an 18-month sentence for his part in arranging the hoax marriage.

Abanda, Djedje and accomplice Olivier Attie, 31, had each denied the charges during the trial, while Godefroy pleaded not guilty to conspiracy and bigamy.

Attie, from Belgium, failed to show up for the sentencing, with police since issuing a warrant for his arrest.

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Approval given

ALTON: East Hampshire District Council has granted outline planning permission for a 180 home development in Alton.

The £20million build will take place on a site at land east of Will Hall Farm in Basingstoke Road and will include associated highway works, drainage works and open space.

A decision on the project was made on May 22 after an application was submitted on May 15 last year.

Ranil appointed

NORTH HAMPSHIRE: North East Hampshire MP Ranil Jayawardena was appointed onto a House of Commons select committee last week.

Mr Jayawardena will now sit as a member of the Home Affairs Select Committee, having been selected for the post last Wednesday.

Appeal dismissed

HOOK: An appeal for a proposed 48-house site in Hook has been dismissed after being put forward to the Secretary of State earlier this month.

Hart District Council refused planning permission for the development on land off Hop Garden Road last July, and an independent planning inspector has since upheld the council's decision following a five-day public inquiry.

Council leader Stephen Parker said: "This is a really important and welcome planning appeal decision in defending local communities against unwanted applications".

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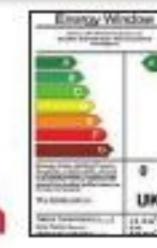
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Memorial unveiled for WWI hero

A HERO pilot from Hook will be honoured at a memorial this week – nearly 100 years to the day since he was killed while on active duty.

Victoria Cross recipient Captain John Aiden Liddell was handed the military's highest accolade for his actions during the First World War that saw him save the life of his observer gunner.

Mayor of Basingstoke and Deane Anne Court and Lord Lieutenant of Hampshire Nigel Atkinson will be unveiling a memorial stone in tribute to Captain Liddell in Sherfield-on-Loddon at 10.45am on Friday.

Clr Court said: "We are delighted to be able to honour Captain Liddell."

"He lived in the borough and was a brave recipient of the Victoria Cross during the First World War".

The Seven Squadron pilot was fatally injured during an enemy aircraft attack on July 31, 1915, while flying over St Omer in France.

Despite his injuries, he managed to land his plane safely, but died a month later on August 31.

Sherfield School, which was originally the Liddell family's home, will host the reception.

Sherfield-on-Loddon Parish Council chairman Alan Ball said: "The council is proud to host this event to commemorate a truly local hero".

Anti-abuse project scoops top award

By Christian Wilson

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A HAMPSHIRE Constabulary project tasked with tackling domestic abuse has won a national award.

The Project CARA scheme was recognised for its hands-on work in ensuring that those charged with the offence don't reoffend.

Police work closely with charity Hampton Trust to host regular workshops to make low severity male domestic abusers more aware of their behaviour and its impact on themselves and those around them.

And after being announced as the winners of the Policing and Adults category at last Tuesday's Howard League for Penal Reform Community Awards, Hampshire Constabulary acknowledged that more still needed to be done to address the issue of domestic abuse.

Chief Superintendent Scott Chilton said: "The impact of domestic abuse on victims and their families is devastating and we are determined to do all we can to minimise the risk of physical and psychological harm.

"It is widely recognised that the way police and other agen-



• Hampshire Constabulary and Hampton Trust research manager Robert Braddock (centre right) collecting the award (picture courtesy of prisonimage.org)

cies deal with domestic abuse reduce the risk of further crime. Officers have collaborated with workers of abuse charity Hampton Trust on the project since 2012, which also looks to examine abuser's trigger points.

"This initiative is aimed at providing a supportive approach with an emphasis on stopping men from reoffending". The Community Awards at the King's Fund in London recognise projects that help keep people out of the criminal justice system by providing alternative and effective interventions to

reduce the risk of further crime. Officers have collaborated with workers of abuse charity Hampton Trust on the project since 2012, which also looks to examine abuser's trigger points.

"There is much that can be learned from the scheme on a national scale.

"I would like to take this opportunity to thank Hampshire Constabulary and the Crown Prosecution Service for their continued commitment to Project CARA".

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Disney dancers

BASINGSTOKE: A group of young dancers from a Basingstoke arts school performed in the iconic Disneyland Paris pre-parade last week.

A total of 29 students ranging from six to 18-years-old from Stagecoach Basingstoke joined Mickey Mouse and co in France for the event last Thursday.

The performance came as part of the Disney Performing Arts On Stage programme and saw them dance in front of thousands of international visitors at the entertainment resort.

Charity week

BASINGSTOKE AND DEANE: The Mayor of Basingstoke and Deane Anne Court has appealed for as many people as possible to participate in the upcoming Mayor's Charity Week later this year.

Residents are being urged to raise money in as many ways as possible between October 17 and 24 for chosen charities Inspero, Basingstoke Multicultural Forum and The Ark Cancer Centre Charity.

Skating stars

BASINGSTOKE: Training for the final stage of a Basingstoke-wide children's skating competition began this week.

Holly McDonagh, Jacob Ray, Millie Alexander-Stiff, Pip Lovelock and Archie Price are the final contestants in Planet Ice Skating Stars.

They will now spend the next six weeks working on individual routines for the final on Sunday, September 6.

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Cabinet to secure bus services

PLANS to continue a series of bus pilot schemes throughout the borough were discussed by Basingstoke's council last night.

Councillors were expected to rubberstamp the proposal at the cabinet meeting as the Observer went to press, after cuts in funding from the county council put the services at risk.

The move could see Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council take full responsibility for the funding of buses across the area – protecting several pilot services in the process.

These would include the evening service pilot, the 3B route in South Ham and the 654 route between Old Basing and The Costello School.

The borough council currently spends £708,512 a year on subsidies for buses across the area, and are now looking to improve public transport in Basingstoke and Deane by creating better facilities and cycle structures, while also enhancing the existing service.

Portfolio holder for partnerships Cllr Cathy Osselton said: "Working with providers and the people that use the services locally, we have been able to really determine what they need and how we can fill the gaps in what is currently available.

"By continuing to provide the successful pilot services across the borough and looking to take control of the budget we can work to ensure that the services our residents need, they get".

Children's hospice nearing completion

By Christian Wilson

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THE final stages of the £4million redevelopment of a children's hospice near Basingstoke have begun.

Naomi House Children's Hospice in Sutton Scotney is due to reopen in September after being closed for more than a year.

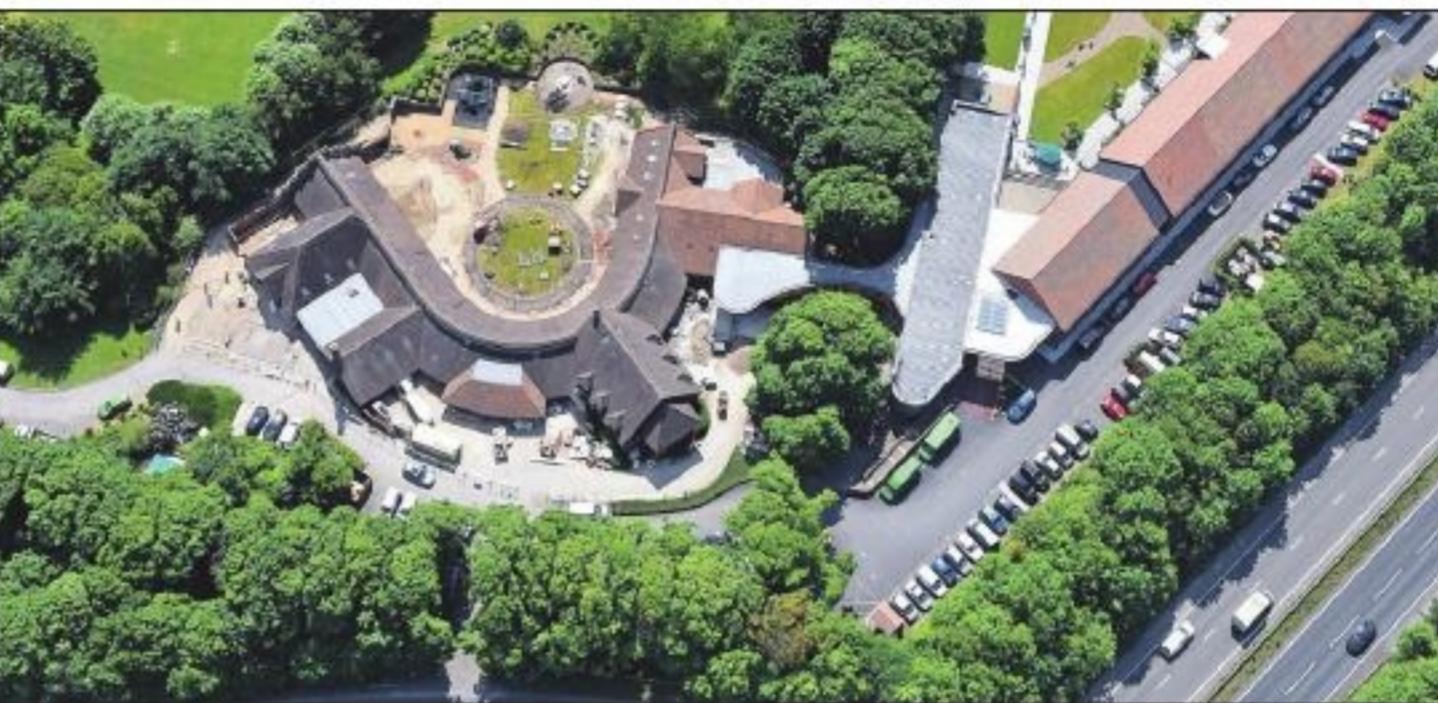
The charity has so far raised £3.8m to fund the changes, which will include a new hydrotherapy pool, bereavement suite, updated parent accommodation and a bridge linking with neighbouring young peoples' hospice Jacksplace.

With the plans for the main building now nearing completion, attention has now turned to the £250,000 redesign of the gardens at Naomi House, which cares for children with life-limiting illnesses and their families.

Family support manager Sue Wilkins said: "Losing a child is the hardest thing anyone is likely to face.

"The garden offers a refuge, a tranquil space to sit and reflect on what has been, without fear of being disturbed.

"It is a place that provides a link with the lost child or the



• Work is nearing completion at Naomi House

young person, and an opportunity amongst the sadness to recall those treasured and favourite memories".

Children staying at the centre have been using temporary rooms at Jacksplace in Stockbridge Road during the works, with members of the public invited to an open day on September 12 to see the changes for themselves.

It is unlikely that the work on the garden will be finished by that time, although designer Faith Ramsay from My Country Garden has promised that the

final alterations will be worth the wait.

She said: "I passionately believe that being out in green spaces is hugely beneficial for one's emotional, physical and mental well-being, and this is never more the case than for life-limited children and their families.

"I see these gardens as being integral to the whole caring Naomi House experience from respite and play through to end of life care and family support, and I feel hugely privileged to have been able to design them".



• An artist's impression of how the hospice will look following the refurbishment

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Police chase

BASINGSTOKE: A man who stole a car and then crashed it into a tree during a police chase has been jailed for 18 months.

Anthony Reed, of Quilter Road in Brighton Hill, took the car from a property in High Drive, South Ham on June 26, before speeding through the Popley area and crashing at the end of John Hunt Drive.

The 20-year-old, who was serving a suspended 12-month prison sentence at the time of the incident, was sentenced on Friday, July 17, at Winchester Crown Court.

Breast cancer

BASINGSTOKE: Basingstoke MP Maria Miller demonstrated her support in the fight against breast cancer last week.

Mrs Miller joined 169 members of parliament across the country in becoming a parliamentary ambassador for leading charity Breast Cancer Now, who are aiming to ensure that each person diagnosed with the disease will live by 2050.

She said: "I will ensure that action is taken on behalf of the women and families affected by breast cancer within the local community of Basingstoke".

Litter drive

BASINGSTOKE: Staff from the McDonalds branch in Basingstoke Leisure Park tackled litter in the area last Wednesday as part of a Hampshire-wide drive to clear up local parks.

War Memorial Park and Stratton Park were both cleaned up during the day by member of staff.

A total of 36 crew members from nine restaurants took part.

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News Bites**Head retires**

BASINGSTOKE: The headteacher of Dove House School Academy has retired after 37 years at the school.

Colin House joined the school in Sutton Road in 1978 as a newly qualified teacher, before being promoted to the role of headteacher in 1996.

He said: "I would like to take the opportunity to thank all parents both past and present for their help, support and good humour over the years, and the children who have made this job so very special."

New houses

BASINGSTOKE: Planning approval is currently being sought to create a £1.6million housing site at Greenways in Woodcote Grove Road.

A total of 10 houses and four flats would be built on the site, which would also see the demolition of existing dwellings in the area.

Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council is expected to make a decision on the application by Friday, September 25.

Lottery numbers

BASINGSTOKE AND DEANE: St Michael's Hospice has announced the winners of its latest lottery draw from Friday, July 24.

First prize of £1,000 goes to ticket 17997 of Oakley, while ticket 87935 of Chineham claims second prize of £100.

Third prize of £50 goes to Overton ticket 89275, and Tadley ticket 61006 gets fourth prize of £20.

Prizes of £5 go to tickets 09257, 10995, 11089, 23986, 25135, 30568, 33375, 37802, 44310, 49607, 51189, 62418, 64631, 78503, 85903 and 86470.

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A MARRIED couple who died after their car collided with a lorry on the A303 at Sutton Scotney earlier this month have been named.

John and Judith Woodget, of Lockeridge in Wiltshire, were fatally injured when their vehicle crashed into a truck parked in a lay-by on Sunday, July 19.

Mr Woodget, 64, was pronounced dead at the scene following the incident west of the Bulletington Cross interchange.

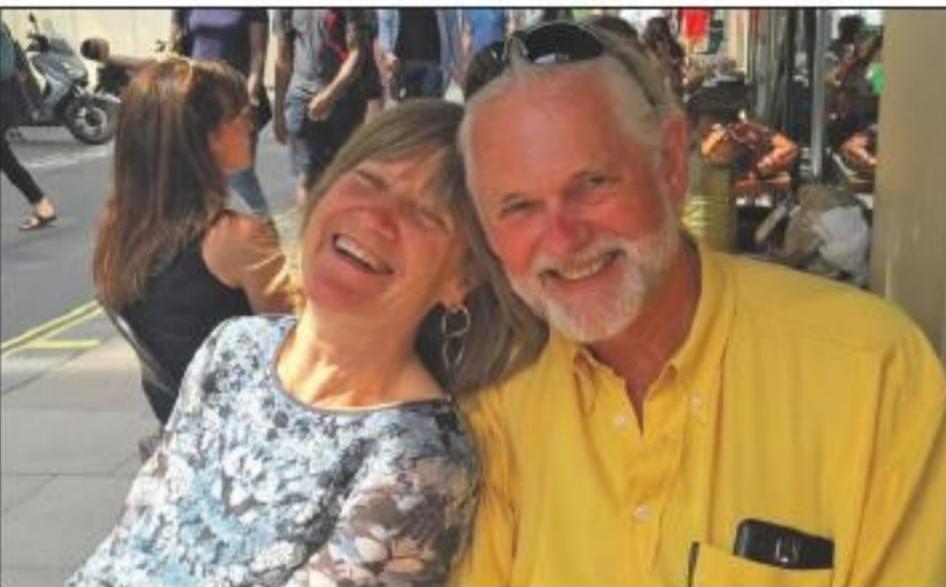
Driver Mrs Woodget, 65, passed away from her injuries the following day at Southampton General Hospital.

A statement has since been released by the family describing the loss of the couple as "unfathomable".

It said: "They were a hugely caring, fun loving and inspirational couple."

"They constantly provided time, energy and help to so many people, from family and friends to the community and beyond."

The statement continued: "John and Judith were adored by their children Matthew, Lucy and Sarah and their four grandsons



Judith and John Woodget were killed after their car collided with a lorry on the A303 at Sutton Scotney

Theodore, Maxwell, Sebastian and Miles.

"The hole left in the family is unfathomable".

The driver of the lorry involved suffered minor injuries and was taken to hospital as a precaution, but has since been released.

Wiltshire charity The Wiltshire Community Foundation, of which Mr Woodget was chairperson, has described the grandparents-of-four as "a great team".

Chief executive Rosemary Macdonald said: "We have lost a wonderful friend in John."

"He was amazingly generous with his time, knowledge and friendship and had indefatigable energy, an infectious personality and real vision".

The foundation has set up a 'John and Judith Woodget Fund' in tribute to the pair, with people able to donate at wiltshirecf.org.uk.

"John and Judith made a great team - they enjoyed and embraced life," Mrs Macdonald added.

"This is absolutely devastating news for the family and our thoughts are with them at this time. They will both be greatly missed".

Anyone with information about the incident is asked to contact Hampshire Constabulary's Serious Collision Investigation Unit on 101, quoting Operation Sistene.

Councillor's Corner

Cllr Gary Watts

Leader of the Labour group, Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council



Running services closer to home will improve the council's service

AS the government pushes on further with its program of public sector cuts it is clear to me that councils will have to find different ways of doing things or we, as residents, will face a continual reduction in the services we receive.

At the same time there is often confusion in people's minds about which council provides what service.

This leads to frustration when people want things to happen but are not sure who to talk to.

I feel that some of these problems can be overcome by the borough council taking on more services from the county council, bringing the decision-making process and delivery closer to the people who ultimately pay for it.

For example both councils put money into subsidising bus services, and both councils are involved in youth services.

Perhaps we should bring these together and run them from Basingstoke, not Winchester.

Other services I feel could be more efficient if carried out by the borough council include roads and pathway maintenance.

If we really want to ensure these valuable services continue to be provided and kept free from Osborne's cuts, then I think they need to be delivered by the council that is closest to its residents.

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News Bites**Tuesday fun day**

BASINGSTOKE: A range of fun family events will take place every Tuesday in Top of Town's Market Place over the next month.

Running from 10.30am to 3.30pm, town centre traders will work together to put on a different event each week.

Top of Town Tuesdays will kick off with a sports day next week, while a series of seaside, pirates and princesses and circus-themed days will then take place throughout the rest of August.

A face-painting station, glitter tattoo stall and a craft workshop will also be on show.

Dinosaur dig

BASINGSTOKE: Young dinosaur fans will get the chance to try their hands at being an archaeologist on Thursday outside the Wills Museum in the Top of Town.

Children over four years old are invited to help excavate fossils from some of the world's most iconic dinosaurs alongside dinosaur expert Chris Park.

The event costs £8 per child, with accompanying adults admitted for free.

Popley fun day

POPLEY: Parents and children are invited to enjoy the school summer holidays together next week at a summer fun day.

Popley Spotlight Centre in Shakespeare Road will play host to the day, which will include bouncy castles, giant inflatables, sumo suits and Zorbs.

Craft stalls and a car boot sale will also feature at the event, which will run from 10am until 4pm on Saturday, August 8.

New provider for Dial-a-Ride service

By Christian Wilson

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A HAMPSHIRE-based charity has been awarded the contracts for two Basingstoke community transport services.

Communities First Wessex will take over both the Dial-a-Ride and Minibus Group Hire services from the start of September.

Around 1,300 disabled and mobility impaired people benefited from the door-to-door specialist transport last year, which is supported by Hampshire County Council and Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council.

Communities First Wessex currently run similar services in East Hampshire, Havant and Winchester, with the county council assuring users that the contract is in good hands.

Hampshire council's Executive member for economy, transport and environment, Sean Woodward,

said: "I'm pleased to say that, following a tender process, the contracts have been awarded to an operator with a good track record and who can offer good value for money for the council taxpayer.

"I would like to assure residents who use these services that we and Basingstoke and Deane Borough



Council will be working closely with Communities First Wessex to ensure a smooth handover."

The new contract will include improvements on the previous deal, such as ensuring that booking lines remain open for longer hours each day and that a 'one-stop shop' is operational in Basingstoke.

Basingstoke Dial-a-Ride and Basingstoke Community Transport had previously controlled the service, with borough councillor Cathy Osselton expressing her belief that

the specialist transport would keep up its previous high standards.

The portfolio holder for partnerships said: "Our priority is that the quality of service is maintained for those people who use and benefit from community transport services.

"We will work closely with both Communities First Wessex and the county council to make sure this continues."

Users of Basingstoke Dial-a-Ride will be contacted about the new



arrangements, which will involve them being asked to register with the new operator.

Community First Wessex chairman Tim Houghton said: "We take a great pride in putting customers first and look forward to providing high quality services which meet the needs of local residents and community groups needing help with transport".

• Sean Woodward and Cathy Osselton welcomed the change

Parks given Green Flag honours

TWO Basingstoke parks have been named among the best parks in England and Wales.

Eastrop Park and War Memorial Park are the area's sole representatives on the list of top green spaces in the country.

Keep Britain Tidy's Green Flag Award recognises that a public space boasts the highest possible standards, is beautifully maintained and has excellent facilities.

Eastrop Park in Eastrop Lane has been awarded the accolade for the last 16 years, while this year represents the eighth time that The War Memorial Park, off Hackwood Road, has been recognised.

Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council's cabinet member for planning and infrastructure Mark Ruffell will raise the green flags this week to celebrate the start of national environment campaign Love Parks Week.

Cllr Ruffell said: "I am delighted that once again Basingstoke has been recognised for having two of the country's top parks.

"A Green Flag Award is national recognition for all our team and the volunteers who, through their dedication and hard work, have helped to create these fantastic places for everyone to enjoy."

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Austen artefacts return to Hampshire for exhibition

A COLLECTION of priceless artefacts belonging to Basingstoke and Deane's most famous daughter are set to return home to the area.

Iconic novelist Jane Austen was born and raised in Steventon, near Overton, and wrote *Pride and Prejudice* and *Sense and Sensibility* during her time in the borough.

The world famous author also returned to Hampshire for the later years of her life, with several of her most treasured possessions set to grace a Top of Town museum from January.

Austen's writing desk, spectacles and a manuscript of one of her early works will all be on show at the Willis Museum in Basingstoke – a town MP Maria Miller noted may have "influenced the characters she wrote about in her books".

She said: "Jane's friends and family lived in Basingstoke and the surrounding villages.

"It is here where she danced, shopped and met the people who,



Basingstoke MP Maria Miller (second left) and Hampshire Cultural Trust chief executive Janet Owen (centre) are working to bring the items to the Willis Museum (picture courtesy of [dailyecho.co.uk](http://www.dailyecho.co.uk))

Pupils take centre stage

CHILDREN from an Old Basing school were given a once in a lifetime opportunity to sing at the Royal Albert Hall in London this month.

Youngsters from St Mary's Church of England Junior School were among 400 students from across Hampshire to take to the stage.

A total of 13 schools from the county performed a specially arranged version of Handel's *Zadok the Priest* at the famous arena on Saturday, July 18 as part of BBC Music's *Ten Pieces* concert.

St Mary's headteacher Carolin Welch said: "This was an amazing opportunity for our children to sing such a wonderful piece, alongside so many other chil-

dren and with a professional orchestra.

"We are incredibly proud of all of our pupils' achievements in music at St Mary's, but to say that you have sung at the Royal Albert Hall is surely the icing on the cake."

Ten Pieces is a national initiative involving 21,000 different schools led by BBC Learning and BBC performing groups to introduce children to classical music.

Hampshire County Council's executive member for education Peter Edgar said: "I'm immensely proud that the county had been represented so magnificently at such an auspicious event and in such a prestigious and iconic venue."

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"Basingstoke should celebrate its most famous daughter, the world's foremost and finest novelist."

The exhibition marks the launch of Hampshire's big theme for 2017 – Jane Austen 200, which will commemorate the 200th anniversary since Austen's death in 1817.

An agreement for the temporary loan of the artefacts to the museum

in Market Place is in the process of being completed between Hampshire Cultural Trust (HCT) and the British Library, where they are currently held.

HCT chief executive Janet Owen said: "It will be a fantastic coup for Hampshire, to bring some of Jane Austen's most important possessions back to the place where she lived and worked."

"Our aim is to bring the best items and exhibits from across the world to Hampshire, complementing the amazing home-grown arts and culture we have on our doorstep."



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Citizen award

TADLEY: A volunteer from Tadley was presented with a Good Citizens Award at Tadley Community Centre in Newchurch Road last Tuesday night.

Tadley Town Council chairman David Leeks presented Larry Pegg with the award at Tadley and District Community Association's annual general meeting.

Cllr Tony Flahive and Cllr John Moss nominated Mr Pegg for the award for volunteering his time to help local residents, while also carrying out maintenance work at the centre, where he works as a caretaker.

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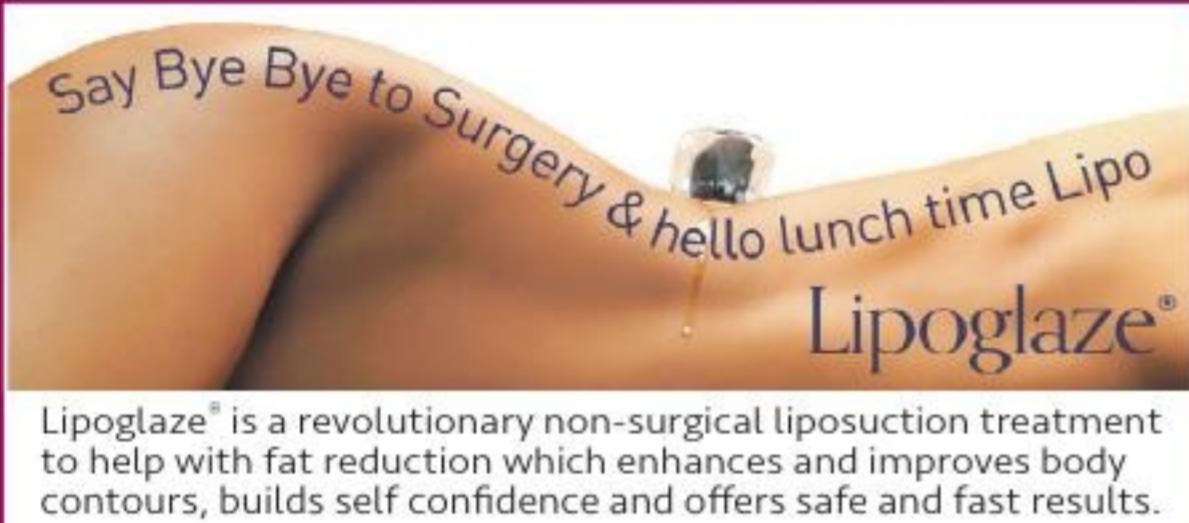
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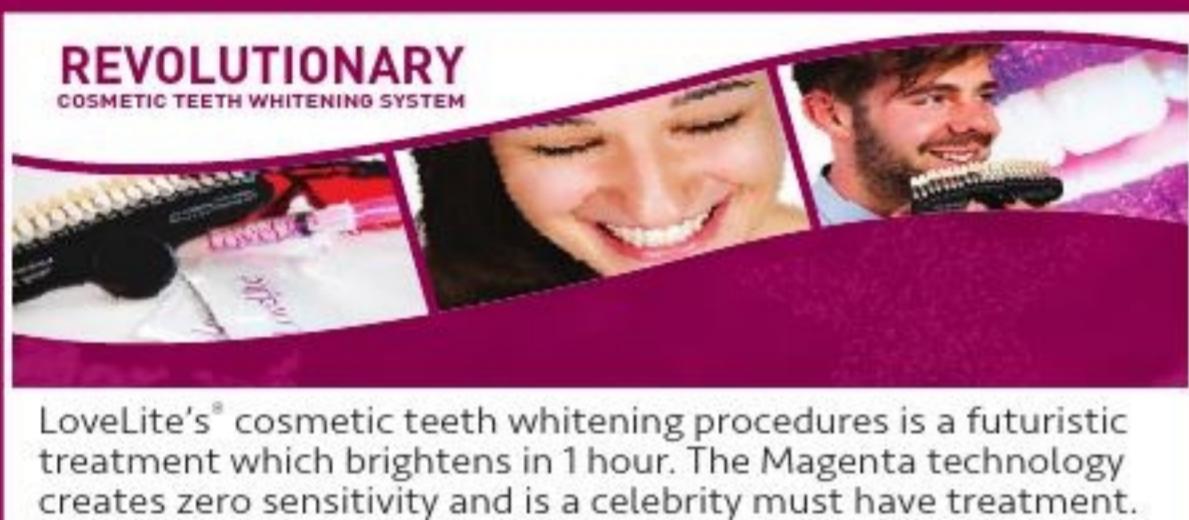
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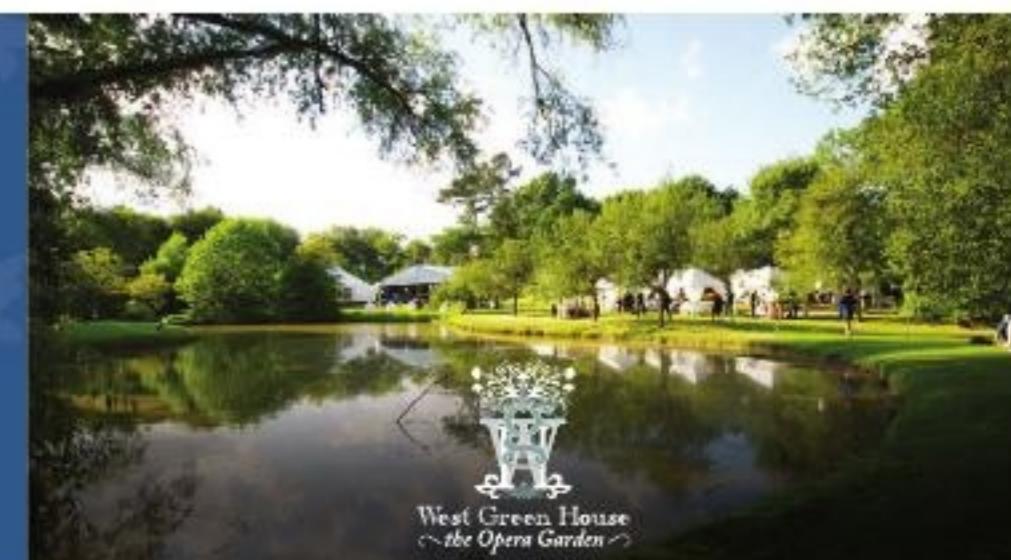
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BBC2

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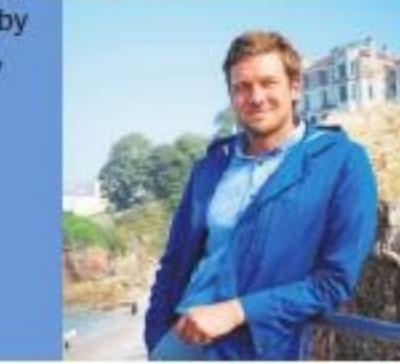
ITV

Catchphrase, 5.15pm



Channel 4

Homes by the Sea, 7pm



Channel 5

Transporter: The Series, 8pm



DAYTIME

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AFTER

DIGITAL

6.00 Breakfast (S) 10.00 Saturday Kitchen Live (S) 11.30 The Box (S)(R) 12.00 BBC News; Weather (S) 12.15 Live Challenge Cup Rugby League Warrington Wolves v Hull Kingston Rovers (kick-off 12.45pm). (S) 2.45 Live Women's FA Cup Football Chelsea Ladies v Notts County Ladies (kick-off 3.00pm). (S) 5.20 Pointless Celebrities A "record breakers" edition of the quiz show, featuring Linford Christie. (S)(R) 6.05 BBC News (S) 6.15 BBC Regional News and Weather (S) 6.25 FILM Raiders of the Lost Ark (1981) (PG) Action adventure, starring Harrison Ford. (S)

8.15 The National Lottery: Five Star Family Reunion Families answer questions to win a once-in-a-lifetime reunion. (S)

9.10 Casualty Charlie helps a father do the right thing for his daughter. (S)

10.00 BBC News; Weather; (S) National Lottery Update (S) 10.20 Mrs Brown's Boys Agnes goes on a diet. (S)(R) 10.50 Not Going Out Lee worries the woman of his dreams is drifting farther away. (S)(R)

11.20 FILM Tropic Thunder (2008) (15) Comedy, directed by and starring Ben Stiller, with Jack Black and Robert Downey Jr. (S)

1.00 Weather for the Week Ahead (S) 1.05 BBC News (S)

6.25 FILM Tintin and the Mystery of the Golden Fleece (1961) (PG) Comic-book adventure, starring Jean-Pierre Talbot. Dubbed in English. (S) 8.05 FILM The Maggile (1954) (U) Ealing comedy, with Paul Douglas. (S) 9.35 FILM The Master of Ballantrae (1953) (PG) (S) 11.00 Animal Park (S) (R) 11.30 The Women's Football Show (S) 12.00 Escape to the Continent (S) 1.00 Athletics (S) 2.00 Golf: Women's British Open Coverage of the third day at Trump Turnberry in South Ayrshire. (S) 6.00 Cycling: Women's Grand Prix Action from the RideLondon Grand Prix. (S)

7.00 Proms Extra Katie Derham takes a look at the past week of the proms. (S) 7.40 Edwardian Farm Alex Langlands and Peter Ginn set sail on a fishing trip. (S)(R)

8.40 Dad's Army The men head off for a weekend at a training camp. (S)(R)

9.10 First Light Docu-drama telling the story of Geoffrey Wellum, one of the RAF's youngest Spitfire pilots, who faced an intense rite of passage fighting in the Battle of Britain in 1940. (S)(R)

10.30 Mock the Week Dara O Briain presents a compilation featuring previously unaired material and out-takes. (S)(R)

11.00 FILM III Manors (2012) (18) Premiere. Drama, with Riz Ahmed, Nick Sagar and Keith Coggins. (S)

12.55 FILM The Quatermass Xperiment (1955) (PG) Sci-fi horror, starring Brian Donlevy. (S) 2.15 This Is BBC Two (S)

6.00 CITV 8.25 ITV News (S) 8.30 Weekend (S) 9.25 Murder, She Wrote (S)(R) 10.20 The Jeremy Kyle Show (S) (R) 12.25 ITV News; Weather (S) 12.30 The Jeremy Kyle Show (S)(R) 1.35 Surprise Surprise (S)(R) 2.35 The Chase Quiz show, hosted by Bradley Walsh. (S)(R) 3.30 All Star Family Fortunes (S)(R) 4.15 Tipping Point Quiz show, hosted by Ben Shephard. (S) (R) 5.15 Catchphrase Guessing game, hosted by Stephen Mulhern. (S)(R) 6.00 ITV Regional News; Weather (S) 6.15 ITV News (S) 6.30 FILM Mamma Mia! (2008) (PG) Musical comedy, starring Meryl Streep. (S)

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8.30 The Cube: Celebrity Special Comedian Katherine Ryan and retired footballer Fabrice Muamba take on The Cube in an attempt to win a £250,000 jackpot for charity. (S)

9.35 The Nation's Favourite Queen Song The legendary rock band's 20 greatest hits, as decided by the public, featuring interviews with Brian May, Roger Taylor and celebrity fans. Matt Lucas narrates. (S)(R)

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11.00 ITV News; Weather (S) 11.15 The Chase Bradley Walsh presents. (S)(R)

12.15 Jackpot247 3.00 Ejector Seat (S) (R) 3.50 ITV Nightscreen

6.20 How I Met Your Mother (S) 6.45 Everybody Loves Raymond (S)(R) 7.30 The Grid The Le Mans 24 Hour-winning Porsche team practice their pit stops. (S) 8.00 The Morning Line A look ahead to the day's races at Glorious Goodwood. (S) 9.00 Frasier (S) 10.00 The Big Bang Theory (S)(R) 11.25 The Simpsons (S)(R) 1.00 Rude(ish) Tube Amusing internet videos, including a robotic warhorse. (S) 1.30 Glorious Goodwood: Channel 4 Racing Live coverage from the Glorious Goodwood festival and Newmarket. (S) 4.15 Come Dine with Me (S)(R) 6.40 Channel 4 News (S)

7.00 Homes by the Sea Charlie Luxton explores properties on the Kent and Sussex coasts, including a home made from a converted railway carriage and a Martello tower. (S)

8.00 Walking Through History: Nazi Occupation - Channel Islands Tony Robinson heads to Guernsey and Jersey to tell the story of the islands' surrender to Nazi Germany during the Second World War. (S)(R)

9.00 FILM The Inbetweeners Movie (2011) (15) Awkward teenagers Simon, Will, Jay and Neil head to Greece for a wild holiday - but things do not go to plan. Comedy, with Joe Thomas and Simon Bird. (S)

11.00 FILM This Means War (2012) (12) Comedy, with Reese Witherspoon, Chris Pine and Tom Hardy. (S)

12.50 The Last Leg (S)(R) 1.45 Hollyoaks (S)(R) 3.55 Double Your House for Half the Money (S)(R) 4.55 You Deserve This House (S)(R) 5.50 How I Met Your Mother (S)(R)

8.00 Transporter: The Series Frank is forced to weigh the worth of a human life after he is hired to transport a stolen human heart for a crime kingpin seeking a suitable donor for his terminally ill son. Previously seen on Spike.

9.00 Tut Part one of two. Historical epic chronicling Egyptian pharaoh Tutankhamun's efforts to rule over his chaotic empire. Avan Jogia and Ben Kingsley star. (S)

11.35 Criminals: Caught on Camera Police officers use CCTV to monitor Soho's 100,000 nightly visitors. (S)(R)

12.10 SuperCasino 3.10 Police Interceptors (S)(R) 4.00 Police Interceptors (S)(R) 4.50 Make It Big (S) (R) 5.15 Make It Big (S)(R) 5.45 Angels of Jarm (S)(R) 5.50 Angels of Jarm (R)

ITV2 SKY: 118 FV: 6 6.00 The Hot Desk: Kelly Clarkson 6.10 Emmerdale 8.40 Coronation Street 11.05 Take Me Out 12.05 Catchphrase 12.50 Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records 1.20 FILM: Beethoven (1992) (U) 3.05 FILM: Scooby-Doo (2002) (PG) Live-action comedy adventure, starring Sarah Michelle Gellar. 4.50 FILM: The Mummy (1999) (12) Fantasy action adventure, starring Brendan Fraser. 7.10 FILM: Johnny English (2003) (PG) Spy comedy, starring Rowan Atkinson. 9.00 FILM: Troy (2004) (15) Epic adventure, starring Brad Pitt. 12.10 FILM: Romy and Michele's High School Reunion (1997) (15) Comedy, starring Lisa Kudrow and Mira Sorvino. 2.00 False Reaction 2.35 Teleshopping 5.35 ITV2 Nightscreen

ITV3 SKY: 119 FV: 10 6.00 Where the Heart Is 7.55 FILM: Vanity Fair (2004) (PG) Period comedy drama, starring Reese Witherspoon. 10.40 Rosemary & Thyme 11.40 Agatha Christie's Marple 1.45 Wycliffe 2.55 Agatha Christie's Marple

Marple 5.00 FILM: Columbo: Identity Crisis (1975) (12) Crime drama, starring Peter Falk and Patrick McGoohan. 7.00 Don Martin 8.00 Lewis 10.00 Agatha Christie's Marple 12.00 Wire in the Blood 1.30 Rising Damp 1.55 Movies Now 2.05 ITV3 Nightscreen 2.30 Teleshopping

BBC3 SKY: 115 FV: 7 7.00 Great Movie Mistakes 7.15 Don't Tell the Bride 8.15 FILM: Little Fockers (2010) (12) Comedy sequel, starring Ben Stiller and Robert De Niro. 9.45 Russell Howard's Good News Extra 11.15 Family Guy 1.30 People Just Do Nothing 2.00 Some Girls 3.30 Young, Welsh and Pretty Skint 4.00 Close

BBC4 SKY: 116 FV: 9 7.00 Natural World: The Real Jungle Book Bear 8.00 Horizon: The Secret Life of the Cat 9.00 The Young Montalbano 11.00 Secret Voices of Hollywood 12.30 Singing Musicals 1.30 Horizon: The Secret Life of the Cat 2.30 Natural World: The Real Jungle Book Bear 3.30 Close

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ITV4 SKY: 136 FV: 28 6.00 Jane the Virgin 6.45 Rude(ish) Tube 7.35 Melissa & Joey 8.30 Suburgatory 9.30 Baby Daddy 11.30 Melissa & Joey 12.30 The Goldbergs 1.30 How I Met Your Mother 2.30 Brooklyn Nine-Nine 3.00 The Big Bang Theory 9.00 FILM: The Adjustment Bureau (2011) (12) Sci-fi thriller, starring Matt Damon and Emily Blunt. 11.05 Gogglebox 12.40 Rude Tube: Ultimate Stunts 1.45 Virtually Famous 2.30 How I Met Your Mother 3.15 Rules of Engagement 4.05 The Cleveland Show 4.25 Baby Daddy

MORE4 SKY: 138 FV: 14 8.55 Time Team 11.00 FILM: The Lost World (1960) (U) Fantasy adventure, starring Claude Rains. 1.00 Four in a Bed 3.40 Selling Houses with Amanda Lamb 4.40 Four Rooms 5.50 Grand Designs 8.00 Secrets of the Terracotta Warriors - Secret History 9.00 The Great Wall of China: The Hidden Story - Secret History 10.00 Finding Babylon's Hanging Garden - Secret History 11.05 24 Hours in A&E 12.05 Embarrassing Bodies:

The 36-Stone Woman 1.10 The Great Wall of China: The Hidden Story - Secret History 2.15 Secrets of the Terracotta Warriors - Secret History 3.20 Hugh's 3 Good Things: Best Bites 3.35 Close

FILM4 SKY: 315 FV: 15 11.00 Bollywood Queen (2002) (PG) Premiere. Romantic musical comedy, starring Preity Zinta and James McAvoy. 1.00 Home Alone 2: Lost in New York (1992) (PG) Comedy sequel, starring Macaulay Culkin. 3.20 Napoleon Dynamite (2004) (PG) Comedy, starring Jon Heder. 5.10 Marmaduke (2010) (U) Comedy, starring Lee Pace. 6.30 Mission: Impossible (1996) (PG) Action thriller, starring Tom Cruise. 9.00 Chronicle (2012) (12) Sci-fi thriller, starring Dane DeHaan. 10.40 Dredd (2012) (18) Sci-fi thriller, starring Karl Urban. 12.30 Shutter (2008) (15) 2.10 Strange Wilderness (2008) (15) 3.55 Close

DAVE SKY: 111 FV: 12 7.10 American Pickers 9.00 Motorway Cops 2.00 Parks and Recreation 3.00 American Pickers 8.00 QI XL

10.00 Taskmaster 11.00 Alan Davies: As Yet Untitled 12.00 Have I Got a Bit More News for You 1.00 Suits 2.45 Game of Arms 3.30 Meat Men 4.00 Close

SKY1 SKY: 106 9.00 Monkey Life 11.00 Modern Family 12.00 The F1 Show 1.00 What's Up 1.30 Modern Family 2.00 Futurama 3.00 Hawaii Five-0 5.00 Yonderland 5.30 The Simpsons 7.00 Modern Family 8.00 Guitar Star 9.00 Micky Flanagan's Detour de France 10.00 FILM: Cellular (2004) (15) Thriller, starring Kim Basinger. 11.50 The Last Ship 12.50 Hawaii Five-0 2.50 NCIS: Los Angeles 3.40 Road Wars 4.05 Hawaii Five-0

SKY ATLANTIC SKY: 108 6.00 The Pitch 7.00 Friday Night Lights 8.00 Seinfeld 11.00 Star Trek: Enterprise 1.00 Richard E. Grant's Hotel Secrets 2.00 Micro Monsters with David Attenborough 3.00 Blue Bloods 7.00 Without a Trace 9.00 Game of Thrones 11.15 Last Week Tonight with John Oliver 11.50 Entourage 2.05 The Knick 3.15 Blue Bloods 4.10 The Pitch 5.05 Seinfeld



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Sunday August 2nd

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DIGITAL

BBC1

Countryfile,
7pm

6.00 Breakfast (S) **9.00 BBC News** (S)
10.00 Sunday Morning Live Sian Williams presents a topical debate. (S)
11.00 Homes Under the Hammer Properties in Co Durham, south-east London and Devon. (S)(R) **12.00**
Bargain Hunt (S)(R) **1.00 BBC News**; Weather (S) **1.15 Songs of Praise** (S) **1.50 Nigel Slater: Eating Together** (S)(R) **2.20 Escape to the Country** A couple searching for a home in rural south Devon. (S)(R) **3.05 Cycling: RideLondon** The RideLondon-Surrey Classic. (S) **6.35 BBC News** (S) **6.50 BBC Regional News and Weather** (S)

7.00 Countryfile A special edition devoted to sheep, in which Joe Crowley lends a hand with shearing, Anita Rani investigates the mutton market, and Tom Heap looks into the falling prices of lambs. (S)

8.00 Fake or Fortune? Fiona Bruce and expert Philip Mould investigate art with mysterious origins, beginning by helping a man who believes he owns a painting by French artist Edgar Degas. (S)(R)

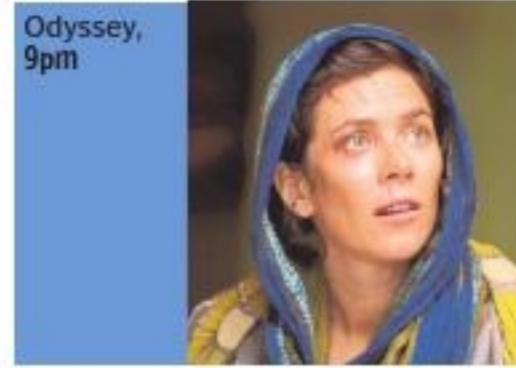
9.00 Partners in Crime Part two of three. Tommy searches shadowy Brown's hideout for Jane, but has to raise £1,000 to maintain his place in the gang, and Tuppence investigates a mysterious package. (S)

10.00 BBC News (S)
10.20 BBC Regional News and Weather (S)
10.30 Match of the Day: Community Shield Highlights Chelsea v Arsenal. (S)

11.15 Don't Tell the Bride Dean wants to relive his clubbing days and organises a wedding in a nightclub. Last in the series. (R)

AFTER 12.15 Weather for the Week Ahead (S) **12.20 BBC News** (S)

BBC2

Odyssey,
9pm

6.00 This Is BBC Two (S) **6.15 Big Dreams Small Spaces** Monty Don helps create two family friendly gardens. (S)(R) **7.15 The Instant Gardener** (S)(R) **8.00 Countryfile** The team visits the Kent County Show. (S)(R) **9.00 Gardeners' World** (S)(R) **9.30 The Beechgrove Garden** (S) **10.00 Cycling: RideLondon** (S) **10.30 Saturday Kitchen Best Bites** Highlights of the series. (S) **12.00 The Box** (S)(R) **1.00 Alex Polizzi: Chefs on Trial** (S)(R) **2.00 Golf: Women's British Open** Coverage of the fourth and final day at Trump Turnberry in South Ayrshire. (S) **6.00 Hair** (S)(R)

7.00 Locomotion: Dan Snow's History of Railways The historian and broadcaster examines the impact the railway had on London in the late 1830s, marking the start of a truly national network. (S)(R)

8.00 Dragons' Den The entrepreneurs cast their eyes over an ecologist's germ-fighting gadget and a business making crisps, while another contestant clashes with the dragons. (S)

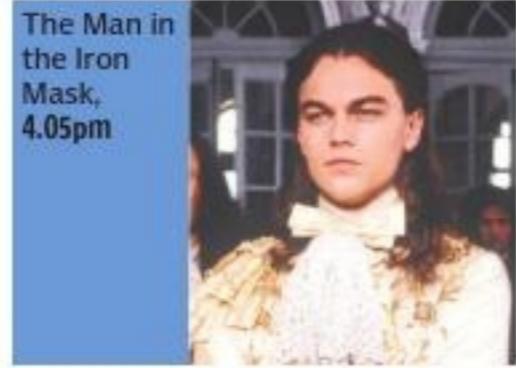
9.00 Odyssey Odelle tries to get a message to a reporter. (S)
9.45 The Javone Prince Show With soul singer Carleen Anderson. (S)

10.15 Family Guy Brian and Peter go on a mission to find a new Thanksgiving turkey. (S)
10.35 Family Guy Lois tires of Peter's disappointing performances in the bedroom. (S)
10.55 Family Guy (S)

11.20 FILM Dead Poets Society (1989) (PG) Drama, with Robin Williams and Ethan Hawke. (S)

1.20 FILM X the Unknown (1956) (PG) Hammer sci-fi horror, starring Dean Jagger. (S) **2.40 Sign Zone: Countryfile** (S)(R) **3.35 Holby City** (S)(R) **4.35 This Is BBC Two** (S)

ITV

The Man in
the Iron
Mask,
4.05pm

6.00 CITV **8.25 ITV News** (S) **8.30 Weekend** (S) **9.25 The Jeremy Kyle Show** (S)(R) **12.25 ITV News**; Weather (S) **12.35 Love Your Garden** The green-fingered experts help transform a Hull nurse's garden. (S)(R) **1.35 Long Lost Family: What Happened Next** (S)(R) **2.35 The Unforgettable Joan Sims** Profile of the comedy actress. (S)(R) **3.05 The Chase** Series three of the quiz show, hosted by Bradley Walsh. (S)(R) **4.05 FILM The Man in the Iron Mask** (1998) (12) Swashbuckling adventure, starring Leonardo DiCaprio. (S) **6.35 ITV Regional News**; Weather (S) **6.45 ITV News** (S)

7.00 Nature Nuts with Julian Clary New series. The comedian meets wildlife devotees and helps them record footage of their favourite animals. The first episode features a woman who takes care of injured hedgehogs. (S)

8.00 Midsomer Murders The unveiling of a newly discovered novel by a deceased writer is jeopardised when the manuscript is stolen and an artist is electrocuted by a lethal roulette wheel. (S)(R)

9.00 Humans Hobb tries to crack the secret of artificial intelligence by experimenting on the living synths' brains, but discovers there is one piece of the puzzle missing. Last in the series. (S)

10.00 ITV News; Weather (S)
10.20 Brits Behind Bars With thousands of UK citizens currently held in jails around the world, this documentary focuses on the moving cases of British overseas prisoners. (S)(R)

11.20 Piers Morgan's Life Stories: Michael Flatley The dancer and choreographer talks about his life and career. (S)(R)

12.15 Jackpot247 **3.00 Motorsport UK** (S) **3.50 ITV Nightscreen** **5.05 The Jeremy Kyle Show** (S)(R)

12.55 Channel 4 Comedy Gala 2015: Best Bits (S)(R) **1.40 Come Dine with Me** (S)(R) **2.10 Come Dine with Me** (S)(R) **2.40 Come Dine with Me** (S)(R) **3.05 Come Dine with Me** (S)(R) **3.35 Come Dine with Me** (S)(R)

Channel 4

The Three
Musket-
ers,
6pm

6.15 How I Met Your Mother (S)(R) **6.40 Everybody Loves Raymond** (S)(R) **7.05 Caterham Motorsport** (S) **7.30 National Paralympic Day** (S) **8.30 Frasier** (S)(R) **9.30 Sunday Brunch** (S) **12.30 Jamie and Jimmy's Friday Night Feast** (S)(R) **1.30 The Simpsons** (S)(R) **2.30 Phil Spencer: Secret Agent** The property expert helps a homeowner with six cats. (S)(R) **3.35 Location, Location, Location** (S)(R) **4.35 A Place In the Sun: Home or Away** (S) **5.40 Channel 4 News** (S) **6.00 FILM The Three Musketeers** (2011) (12) Swashbuckling adventure, starring Logan Lerman. (S)

8.00 Experimental Buddy Munro tries to ski uphill, and goes flying in a powered glider. Tim Shaw finds out what doing the splits in mid-air can do to the human body and tries to build a hoverboard. (S)

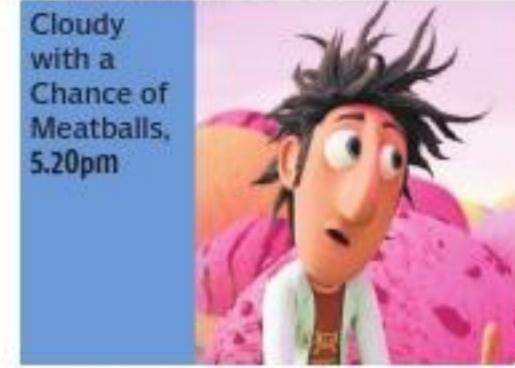
9.00 Humans Hobb tries to crack the secret of artificial intelligence by experimenting on the living synths' brains, but discovers there is one piece of the puzzle missing. Last in the series. (S)

10.00 8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown Sean Lock teams up with Andrew Flintoff to compete against guest captain Bill Bailey and team-mate Roisin Conaty in the comedy panel quiz show mash-up. (S)(R)

11.05 FILM The Guard (2011) (15) Comedy thriller, starring Brendan Gleeson and Don Cheadle. (S)

12.35 Criminais: Caught on Camera (S)(R) **1.05 SuperCasino** **3.10 Under the Dome** (S)(R) **4.00 House Doctor** (S)(R) **4.25 Make It Big** (S)(R) **4.50 Make It Big** (S)(R) **5.15 Make It Big** (S)(R) **5.45 Angels of Jarm** (S)(R)

Channel 5

Cloudy
with a
Chance of
Meatballs,
5.20pm

6.00 Milkshake! **9.30 Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtle** (S)(R) **10.00 Access 10.10 Police Interceptors** (S)(R) **1.05 FILM White Wolf 2: The Myth of the White Wolf** (1994) (U) Adventure sequel, starring Scott Bairstow. (S) **3.10 FILM The Water Horse: Legend of the Deep** (2007) (PG) Children's fantasy adventure, starring Alex Etel. (S) **5.20 FILM Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs** (2009) (U) An inventor's machine for turning water into food has a strange side-effect, causing giant meals to fall from the sky. Animated comedy, with the voices of Bill Hader. (S)

7.00 Cricket on 5 England v Australia. (S)
7.55 5 News Weekend (S)

8.00 Police Interceptors Unleashed PC Jason Graves is called into action when an argument turns aggressive, and the interceptors are forced to use strong-arm tactics to bring a football hooligan under control. (S)

9.00 Tut Conclusion of the historical epic. Tut prepares for his final battle with the Mitanni as a mysterious illness sweeps the kingdom, while another conflict erupts in his absence. (S)

11.35 Secrets of the Egyptian Pyramids Steve Burrows leads a team investigating some of the world's greatest engineering achievements, beginning with four different ancient Egyptian pyramids. (S)(R)

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ITV2 SKY: 118 FV: 6
6.00 Life's Funniest Moments **6.20** Totally Bonkers
Guinness World Records **6.45** Emmerdale **9.35**
Coronation Street **12.00** Take Me Out **1.10** The Hot Desk: Ella Eye **1.20** FILM: Dragonheart (1996) (PG) **3.25** FILM: Beethoven's 2nd (1993) (U) Comedy sequel, starring Charles Grodin. **5.10** FILM: Scooby-Doo 2: Monsters Unleashed (2004) (PG) Comedy adventure sequel, with Sarah Michelle Gellar. **7.00** FILM: Nanny McPhee (2005) (U) Period fantasy, starring Emma Thompson. **9.00** FILM: The Shawshank Redemption (1994) (15) Prison drama, starring Tim Robbins and Morgan Freeman. **11.50** Safeworld **12.35** Fake Reaction **1.15** Totally Bonkers
Guinness World Records **2.15** Teleshopping **5.45** ITV2 Nightscreen
ITV3 SKY: 119 FV: 10
6.00 Stephen Tompkinson's Australian Balloon Adventure **6.50** FILM: On the Buses (1971) (PG) **8.35** Heartbeat **10.40** Wycliffe **11.45** FILM: Columbo:

Identity Crisis (1975) (12) **1.50** FILM: Mutiny on the Buses (1972) (PG) **3.40** Goodnight Mister Tom **5.40** Inspector Morse **8.01** FILM: Finding Neverland (2004) (PG) Fact-based period drama, starring Johnny Depp. **10.10** Birds of a Feather **10.35** Northern Lights **11.40** FILM: Clockwise (1986) (PG) Comedy, starring John Cleese. **1.35** Blue Murder **3.15** ITV3 Nightscreen **3.40** Emmerdale
BBC3 SKY: 115 FV: 7
7.00 Don't Tell the Bride **8.00** FILM: Streetdance (2010) (PG) Drama, starring Nichola Burley. **9.30** Top Gear: Polar Challenge **10.35** Live at the Apollo **11.20** Family Guy **12.05** American Dad! **12.25** Family Guy **12.50** People Just Do Nothing **1.20** The Unbreakables: Life and Love on Disability Campus **2.15** The Boy Who Wants His Leg Cut Off **3.15** People Just Do Nothing **3.45** Great Movie Mistakes III: Not in 3D **4.00** Close
BBC4 SKY: 116 FV: 9
7.00 BBC Proms Sunday Symphony **8.15** Wild Scotland **8.30** Brushing Up On - British Bridges **9.00** The

Modern Age of The Coach **10.00** Timeshift: Magnificent Machines - The Golden Age of the British Sports Car **11.00** Sound of Song **2.00** Secret Voices of Hollywood **3.30** Close
4 SKY: 136 FV: 28
6.00 Suburgatory **6.50** Baby Daddy **8.00** How I Met Your Mother **9.00** The Goldbergs **10.00** Hollyoaks **12.30** Couples Come Dine with Me **2.35** The Big Bang Theory **4.30** The Big Bang Theory - E4's Top 20 **5.30** The Big Bang Theory **6.55** FILM: Mirror Mirror (2012) (PG) Fantasy, starring Julia Roberts. **9.00** Rude Tube **10.00** Gogglebox **11.40** FILM: From Dusk Till Dawn (1996) (18) Horror, starring George Clooney. **1.55** Tattoo Fixers **2.50** The Cleveland Show **3.10** Baby Daddy **3.35** Hollyoaks
MORE4 SKY: 138 FV: 14
8.55 Help! My House Is Falling Down **11.00** Selling Houses with Amanda Lamb **12.05** Kirstie and Phil's Love It or List It **1.05** Small Animal Hospital **2.40** Four in a Bed **5.15** Come Dine with Me **8.00** Burger Bar to

Gourmet Star **9.00** Car SOS **10.00** Walking the Nile **11.05** Embarrassing Bodies **12.10** Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA **1.05** Car SOS **2.05** Walking the Nile **3.10** Small Animal Hospital **3.40** Close
FILM4 SKY: 315 FV: 15
11.00 The Wackiest Ship in the Army (1960) (U) **1.00** Bride Wars (2009) (12) **2.40** The Simpsons Movie (2007) (PG) Animated comedy, with the voice of Dan Castellaneta. **4.25** The Golden Compass (2007) (PG) Fantasy adventure, starring Julia Roberts. **9.00** Rude Tube **10.00** Gogglebox **11.40** FILM: From Dusk Till Dawn (1996) (18) Horror, starring George Clooney. **1.55** Tattoo Fixers **2.50** The Cleveland Show **3.10** Baby Daddy **3.35** Hollyoaks
DAVE SKY: 111 FV: 12
7.10 Top Gear **9.00** Have I Got a Bit More News for You **10.00** Parks and Recreation **11.00** Not Going Out **11.40** Not Going Out: The Out-Takes **12.20** Mock the

Week **1.00** Suits **2.45** Game of Arms **3.30** Dave's One Night Stand **4.00** Close
SKY1 SKY: 106
6.00 Hour of Power **7.00** Are You Smarter Than a 10 Year Old? **8.00** Glee **9.00** Monkey Life **11.00** WWE Raw **12.00** Mission: Impossible - Rogue Nation **1.00** Futurama **2.30** Football's Funniest Moments **3.00** The Simpsons **6.00** King of the Nerds **7.00** Football's Funniest Moments **8.00** The Last Ship **9.00** A League of Their Own **9.30** Football's Funniest Moments **10.00** An Idiot Abroad **11.00** Hawaii Five-0 **4.00** That Hidden Camera Family Show **SKY ATLANTIC SKY: 108**
6.00 Smash **7.00** Friday Night Lights **8.00** Seinfeld **10.00** Star Trek: Enterprise **1.00** Micro Monsters with David Attenborough **2.00** Richard E Grant's Hotel Secrets **3.00** Without a Trace **5**

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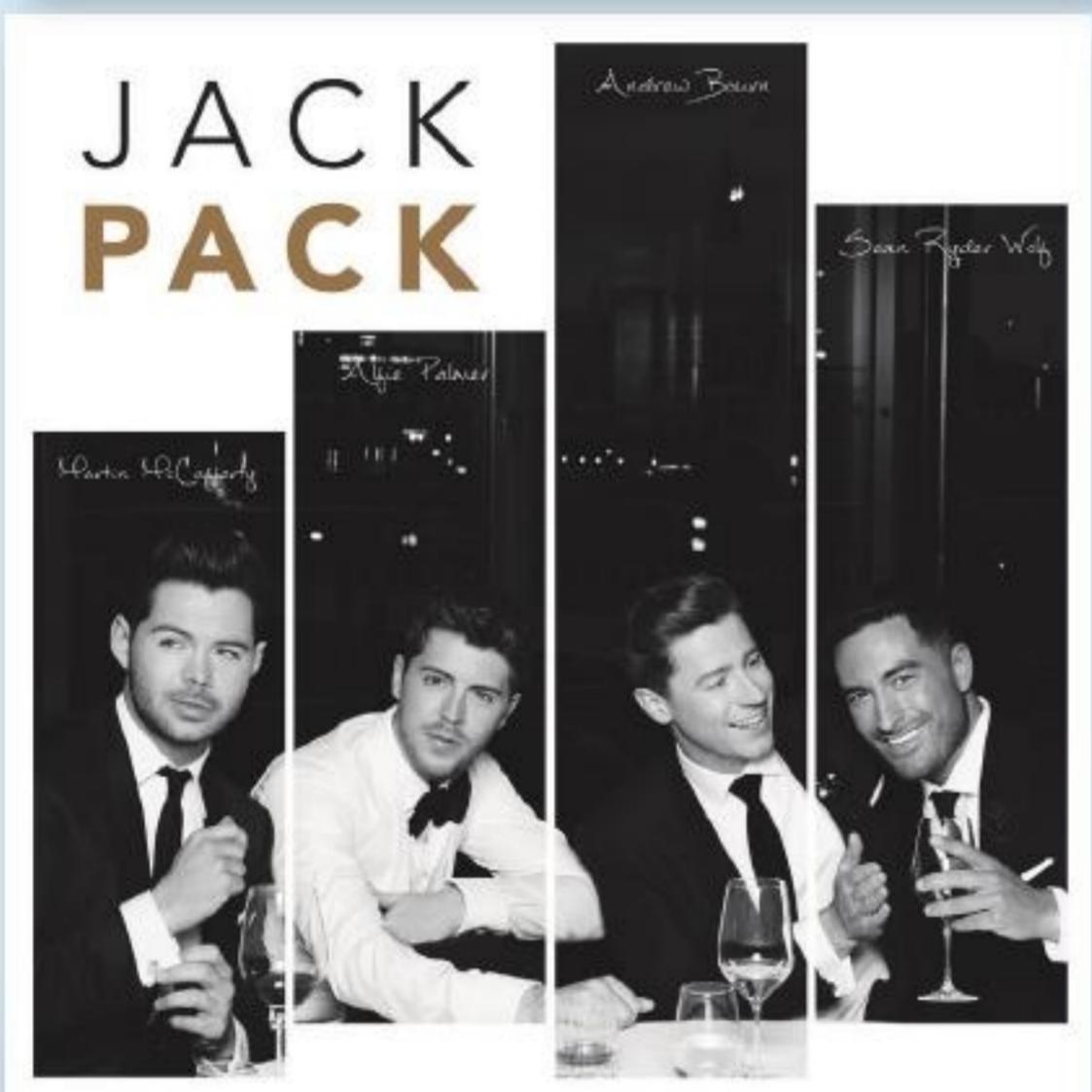


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What's on | NEWS

Vintage sounds in 'Stoke

SONGS from the Great American Songbook will be brought to life as Motown, jazz, swing and soul singer Anna Nightingale performs at the Basingstoke Conservative Club next Thursday, August 6.

Anna is regarded as one of the finest wedding singers in Berkshire, with her vocals having been compared to jazz legend Nina Simone.

And the singer hopes her performance on Thursday will be as successful as her last visit to the Bounty Road venue.

"I have performed at the Basingstoke Conservative Club before, and they were lovely," she told the Observer.

"I really enjoy seeing people have fun and dancing to my music, and the best part is when I know that it is appreciated and enjoyed."

"Last time was a busy night and I was treated very well, so yes, I'm very glad to be asked back."

Described by some as a 'vintage specialist', Anna is no stranger to giving audience's an evening to remember, as she has performed in a number of different clubs, bars and concerts across the country to critical acclaim.

The singer, who will also be perform-

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ing tracks by the famous Rat Pack on Thursday, has also produced a solo album which she created for her fans a few years ago.

And she hopes her show will inspire a new generation of singers.

"The only advice I can give to anyone is keep doing what you're doing," she said.

"Practice makes perfect and the more you perform the better you get, and the more confident you feel."

"You will never please everyone, so don't give up."

"Winners never quit, and quitters never win."

She added: "I think that young people need to listen to live music, as they are so used to over-produced music on the radio and social network sites now."

"It just isn't 'real' and not how people actually sound singing live."

"Their voices are changed, and computers are used to correct any mistakes to make artists sound perfect."

The free event at the Bounty Road venue starts at 8.15pm.

• Anna Nightingale



Film screening

LAST year's movie 'Testament of Youth' will be shown at the Tadley Community Cinema this Saturday, August 1.

Starring Kit Harrington and Alicia Vikander, the drama film is based on the famous First World War memoir of the same name.

Tickets cost from £4.50, with the movie starting at 7.30pm.

Tadley playday

A SUMMER Playday will take place at The Hurst Leisure and Learning Centre on Wednesday, August 5.

A number of activities will take at the Brimpton Road venue in Tadley including donkey rides, a bouncy castle and face paints.

The free event starts at 11am and finishes at 3pm.

Summer camp

A PERFORMING Arts Summer Creative Dance Camp will take place at The Vyne School in Basingstoke from Monday, August 3.

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filled family day out. They have a Lagoon Pool and 'Lazy River' for the little ones and the Wave Rave Pool Party every Friday evening in the 20 metre pool. There's also a giant inflatable, Water Walkerz and Stepping Stones available for those that enjoy a splash about. For the more adventurous, the Aquadrome is home to Yellow Peril, Master Blaster and Spacebowl Flumes!

For those that want to increase confidence in the water or enhance their swimming skills, the Aquadrome is running crash course swimming lessons throughout the holidays. There is also the added benefit of free parking and the café for extra convenience.

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School's out!

British Lamb Prix at Finkley Down Farm

Thursday 23rd July – Sunday 30th August

IT'S A SUMMER SPECTACULAR at Finkley Down Farm! Cheer on your favourite sheep in the "British Lamb Prix" which takes place at 2pm every day. Enjoy a ride on one of our Shetland Ponies (extra charge). There is a timetable of

animal activities such as rabbit handling, calf feeding, pony grooming and bottle feeding of lambs. You can also visit Reptile Encounters and see the snakes, chameleons and bearded dragons.

There's lots of outdoor play

with trampolines, go carts, sandpit, zip wire, den building and our new water bomb attraction "Water Wars". Magic Shows (Monday-Friday) take place in the Giant Indoor Play barn.

We have visits from some special children's TV characters,

Paddington (July 29th), Teenage Ninja Turtles (August 6th), Fireman Sam (August 13th) and Peppa Pig (August 20th) who will be making personal appearances throughout the day.



The Lookout Discovery Centre

THIS summer, The Look Out Discovery Centre, Bracknell, (opposite Coral Reef), is the place to come to! It's a great place to meet friends as it's easy to get to from the M3, J3 and M4, J10. There are over 90 fun hands-on science and discovery activities, a fantastic adventure play area, 1000 hectares of Crown Estate woodland, a coffee shop, gift shop and picnic area.

This summer we have the Yucky You show on for a small additional charge to the entrance fee. This ½ hour science show is a fun and interactive look at the unsavoury parts of our body. Where else can you hear about scabs, poo, sick and bogies! Suitable for children aged 3+/who can sit still for ½ hour. Please look at the website for more details. Open daily 10am -5pm (except 24th-26th December and 11-15 Jan 2016). Less



than £20 for a saver ticket, for 2a+2c or 1a+3c. Under 4's free entry. £2 to park for 4 hours. However, visitors (full paying adult and saver tickets

only) to the hands-on science exhibition who pay on the day will be given a £2 discount, (parking stub needs to be shown at time of purchase).



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What's on | NEWS

Barrie's back in town

MUSICIAN Mike Barrie performs a mix of electric and acoustic rock hits at the New Inn pub in Tadley this Saturday, August 1.

Mike, who can play acoustic, rock, classic rock, ballads and blues tracks, has been a regular performer at the Rowen Road venue for many years.

But in three decades of playing, he has never released a record.

Rather than hitting the recording studio, Mike insists there is nothing better than performing live to an appreciative audience.

"It's just the buzz and watching people out there," he told the Observer.

"I never stop watching people when I'm playing and when someone comes up to me afterwards to say how much they've enjoyed the show, it is something you can never get too much of."

He added: "I could never give up music and sit at home playing as I will always want to play live to people."

"I went to Cornwall on holiday once and swore I wasn't going to pick up a guitar for 10 days."

"However, someone brought a guitar into the bar I was in and wanted it tuned and before I realised, I ended up doing a 45 minute acoustic set!"

Mike got into music aged 16 when

By James Richings

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his two brothers were running a band.

When his siblings needed a musician, Mike ended up doing a six night gig in Guernsey, which sparked off his love for music.

With over 30 years of performing experience, Mike is an established musician who has performed all over the world in countries such as South Africa, Hong Kong, Thailand, Singapore, America and the Netherlands.

Now based in Liss in East Hampshire, the musician, who is known for performing covers of well-known tracks, is a regular face performing in the county, Surrey and Sussex.

"I've had a few highlights in my career but the one that sticks in my mind is having a second billing with Nancy Wilson, a very famous American Jazz singer at the civic hall Hong Kong," he said.

It is free to enter, and the set starts at 8.30pm.

• *Mike Barrie performs at the New Inn pub in Tadley on Saturday*



GET OUT AND ABOUT WITH JUST DAYS OUT

Just Days Out organise day trips from joining points in Hampshire, Berkshire & Surrey.

DAY TRIP TO GUERNSEY;

Thursday 10th September; Price: £69 per person including coach travel, breakfast & evening meal on the ferry.



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Salisbury Cathedral; Thursday 17th September;
Price: £49 per person including a 2 course lunch at the Old Mill, Harnham.



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What's on | LISTINGS

Wednesday, July 29, 1130hrs

Fri, Jul 31 – Sat Aug 8

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Generation 2

This summer the Corn Exchange welcomes families of all ages, from toddlers to teens, to our Family Festival.

There are events indoors and outdoors. There are shows to watch, or perform in, workshops to get mucky in, stories to listen to, and the chance to get physical and learn a new skill or two.

Fri Jul 31 – Sat Sept 19

*The Watermill Theatre, Newbury
OLIVER!*

Set in London's murky underworld, Lionel Bart's much-loved musical tells the story of the runaway orphan Oliver and the colourful characters he encounters following his escape from the workhouse. The bullying Mr Bumble, devious gang leader Fagin, menacing Bill Sikes, his kindly girlfriend Nancy and the Artful Dodger are brought vividly to life in the atmospheric setting of the old mill.

Fri, Jul 31, 9pm

The Canal Bar, Newbury

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Friday, July 31, 2100hrs

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Thursday, July 30 – Saturday,

August 1

The Haymarket, Basingstoke

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This schools edition, especially adapted for a younger cast, contains all the well-known songs - I Dreamed a Dream, On My Own, Master of the House- and is performed by a hugely talented and enthusiastic cast of local young people. The story centres on Jean Valjean, unfairly imprisoned for a minor theft.

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Coffee morning

AN OVER-55'S coffee morning will take place at Basingstoke's Rooksdown Community Centre tomorrow morning, Thursday, July 30.

Visitors will be able to have a chat and socialise over a nice, warm drink. It starts at 10am.

Taste in town

TOP of the Town in Basingstoke will host the food festival 'Taste' on Sunday, August 2.

Hundreds of different dishes will be on offer, with many free tastings available at the festival.

Award winning chefs Jean-Christophe Novelli and James Durrant will also make an appearance at the Market Place venue.

Taste is running from 10am to 4pm.

Big Eyes film

TIM Burton's blockbuster 'Big Eyes' will be shown at the Basingstoke Discovery Centre on Thursday, August 6.

Starring Amy Adams and Christoph Waltz, the biographical drama film focuses on the life of painter Margaret Keane and her fraudster husband, who took the credit for her pieces during the 1960s.

It starts at 6pm.

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Friday, July 31, 1900hrs
Frank Hutchings Community Hall, Thatcham

THE IMITATION GAME

Last year's historical thriller, 'The Imitation Game' Starring Benedict Cumberbatch, Keira Knightley and Rory Kinnear, the movie is based on the real life story of Alan Turing, a cryptanalyst during World War II. Suitable for over 12's, tickets cost £5, £3 for concessions.

Sat Aug 1, 8.30pm,
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Hyundai announce all-new Tucson



* The Hyundai Tucson

By James Richings

HYUNDAI Motor UK has announced the prices and specifications for its new compact SUV.

The Tucson will go on sale in the UK this September.

Features include a DAB digital radio and MP3 compatibility, Bluetooth connectivity, 16" alloy wheels, air conditioning and automatic headlights.

Prices for the entry level S trim will start from £18,695.

The SE Derivative model starting from £20,495 will have extra add-ons including 17" alloy wheels, rear parking sensors, heated front seats, a lane assist system, projection headlights with static cornering lights and dual zone climate control.

"The SUV market is of huge importance to Hyundai, with over 130,000 SUVs sold since we first launched Santa Fe in 2001," president and CEO of Hyundai Motor UK Tony Whitehorn said.

"The outgoing model (the ix35) is our second best-seller in the UK so far this year which just proves how

critical this sector is for our brand.

"Tucson will look to develop this success, thanks to its striking design and the enhanced level of technology and equipment it offers our customers."

From £21,295, SE Nav buyers will also get Hyundai's new-generation 8" touch-screen satellite navigation with new gadgets including a reversing camera, 'Map-Care' and Tom Tom Live Services.

This specific model also comes with Hyundai's speed limit information system, which uses the front camera and information from the navigation system to identify road speed signs and display the speed limit in real time.

The premium equipment level for the new Hyundai Tucson will have 19" alloy wheels, leather upholstery, front parking sensors, rear cross traffic alert, automatic windscreens wipers with rain sensors, blind spot detection.

Prices for the Premium level start from £25,045.

Hyundai has also announced its Premium SE model will have a heated steering wheel, keyless smart entry with engine start/stop button, LED headlights, panoramic sunroof with electric tilts and slide function along with ventilated front seats included with the model.



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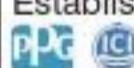
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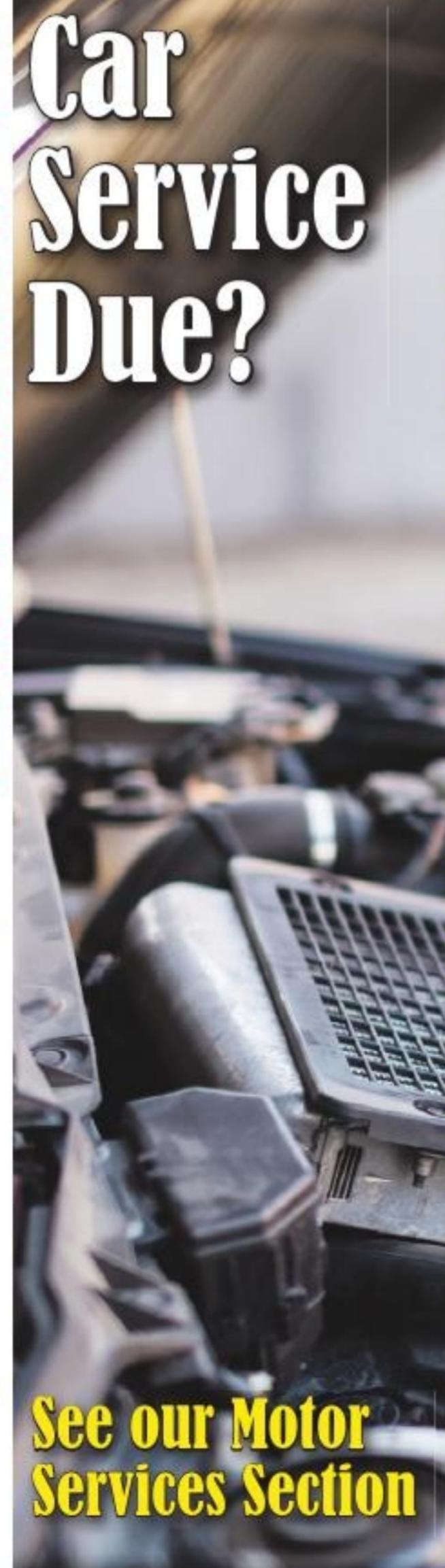
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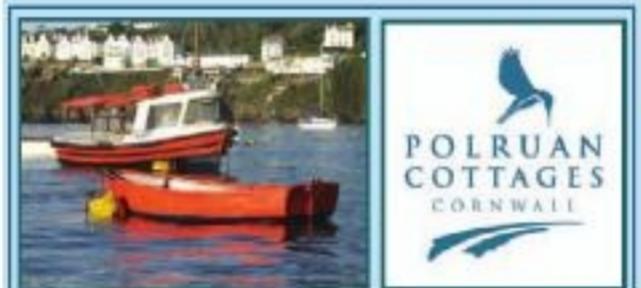
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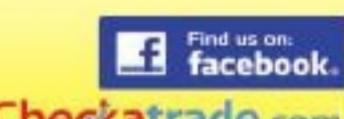
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Two wins in a row for the Bountymen

Hallahan signs new Town deal

TEENAGE striker George Hallahan has been handed a new contract at Basingstoke Town after being given an opportunity to impress this summer.

The 18-year-old forward has been the standout performer of Town's pre-season campaign so far - scoring four goals and looking a constant threat on the break.

Hallahan scored a brace apiece in victories over Beaconsfield and Reading under-21s earlier this month after making the step up into the first-team picture for the first time.

And having seen him score 25 goals in 16 games for the club's academy last season, Basingstoke manager Jason Bristow is confident that he will continue to improve as he gets more experience.

"In his first 90 minutes of first team football, George scored four great goals," he said.

"He's a great prospect and with help of the players around him, we all look forward to seeing him continue his development with us".

Hallahan grabbed the headlines with his man of the match performance during the 3-2 win over Reading under-21s on July 18, as he stepped off the bench to score two and set up another with his side two goals down.

But having been given his chance, the youngster is desperate to repay the faith given to him by the club.

He said: "I'm really happy to sign for my home town club again and so grateful for this big opportunity.

"It feels like my hard work has paid off and it's privilege to represent the club."

BASINGSTOKE and North Hants made it back to back wins on Saturday after seeing off Rowledge at a wet May's Bounty.

The Bountymen ground out a well-deserved five-wicket victory in a reduced overs match cut short by rainy conditions at the start of play.

A big-hitting batting performance paved the way to the thrashing of Totton and Eling a week earlier, but a strong team showing helped Basingstoke overcome last weekend's visitors.

After an hour and a half delay in play saw each side given 43 overs apiece, the visitors won

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the toss and elected to bat first. But Rowledge were quickly made to pay for their decision as fast bowler Graham Porter (4-28) removed opener Ricky Yates' stumps to give the home side the edge.

Martyn James then disposed of Ian Metcalfe cheaply, before Porter repeated his earlier trick to bowl Chris Yates and leave Rowledge in trouble on 46-3.

Opener William Davies (55) and Alexander Bloomfield (49) then combined to great effect

to put on 108 runs for the fourth wicket.

Spinner Mathew Thankachan drew an edge from Bloomfield to eventually break up the partnership however, with Porter then striking again to remove Davies.

Rowledge's innings soon unravelled after that as they left Basingstoke with a 169-run chase.

The Bountymen got their reply off to the worst possible start as opener Christopher Oliver managed just a single run before being sent back to the pavilion by Christopher Yates (3-31).

Captain Chris Froud (19) soon followed at the hands of the bowler, to send star man Mitch

Stokes to the crease. And the slogger didn't disappoint as he hit a quick-fire 47 to give his side some momentum, before he too was removed by Yates.

When Steve Bucksey (25) and Martyn James (0) quickly followed, it looked as though Basingstoke could be in trouble.

But valuable unbeaten knocks from Lee Nurse (33) and Bradley Neal (29) at the tail end of the order saw the Bountymen home with three overs remaining in the match.

Basingstoke will continue their Southern League Division One campaign away to Andover on Saturday afternoon.



* Fast bowler Graham Porter (right) top scored with figures of 4-28 as Basingstoke and North Hants earned the win over Rowledge (picture courtesy of Neil Smith)

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Bison pre-season

ICE HOCKEY: Basingstoke Bison will warm up for the start of the new English Premier Ice Hockey League campaign with four pre-season challenge games.

The Herd will face EPIHL rivals Guildford Flames and Milton Keynes Lightning both home and away at the start of September.

Planet Ice will play host to Milton Keynes and Guildford on Wednesday, September 2 and Saturday, September 5 respectively.

They will then visit the Spectrum to face local rivals Guildford the following day, before facing off with the Lightning in Buckinghamshire on Wednesday, September 9.

The league campaign gets underway on September 12.

Hartley lose

CRICKET: Southern League Division One strugglers Hartley Wintney were beaten at bottom side Calmore Sports on Saturday.

A 94-run showing from Calmore opener Ben Johns proved to be the difference as the home side finished on 210-7, before bowling Hartley all out for 196 to seal a 14 run win.

Elsewhere, high-fliers Hook and Newnham Basics' home match with Andover was called off due to heavy rain.

Scarlett selected

SHOWJUMPING: Alton teenager Scarlett Charles has been selected to represent Great Britain at the forthcoming FEI Pony European Jumping Championships.

The 14-year-old show jumper will be partnering her father Peter's 18-year-old grey gelding Aroldo at the competition in Malmo, Sweden.

The European Championships will start next Thursday, with team medals and individual medals being decided on the Friday and Sunday respectively.

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MIXED BAG OF RESULTS FOR TOWN

BASINGSTOKE Town continued their pre-season preparations for the new campaign with a win and a defeat last week.

The Dragons convincingly saw off Fleet Town 4-1 last Tuesday before a late goal ensured that they slipped to a 2-1 loss at home to Aldershot Town on Saturday.

Manager Jason Bristow would have been left disappointed by the manner of the goals conceded against the Shots after more than holding their own against the National League side at the Soccer AM Stadium.

Basingstoke had all the early chances during a comfortable first 45 minutes, with striker Liam Enver-Marum stroking an effort just wide and also having a goal disallowed for a foul.

It was no surprise then when strike partner and last season's top scorer Chris Flood put his side in front as he stole in at the back post to head home after 25 minutes.

A calamitous mistake from keeper Aaron Howe handed Aldershot an equaliser on the

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hour mark however as he sliced a back pass horribly to present midfielder Jake Gallagher with an open goal.

Enver-Marum then missed a string of further chances, before another error, this time from forward Manny Williams, allowed an Aldershot trialist to steal into the box and thunder an 84th minute winner past Howe.

While Basingstoke were wasteful with their chances on Saturday, this was not something that could be labelled their way four days earlier on the road against Fleet.

Bristow rested a few first-team names against the Evo-Stik League Southern side – instead handing several squad players a chance to impress from the start.

And the Town boss will have been left with food for thought after his side flew out of the traps to claim a convincing 3-0 lead after just 28 minutes.

Two predatory finishes from Enver-Marum sandwiched either side of a 25-yard rocket from Louie Soares ensured that the visitors were never in any danger.

A debatable penalty from Simba Mlambo saw Fleet pull one back on 40 minutes, before Simon Dunn made the most of some space in the box to immediately restore the three goal cushion.

Young striker George Hallahan nearly got his name on the score sheet late on as he hit a post during a quiet second half, with Basingstoke settling for four goals in the tie.

Town continued their pre-season schedule at home to League Two side Wycombe Wanderers last night as the Observer went to press.

•Basingstoke Town academy graduate George Hallahan (left) has been given a new contract at the club. See inside sport for full story (picture courtesy of Basingstoke Town's Twitter page @BASINGSTOKE_FC)



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